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ELECTION AND AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of August 10, 2007, in which a shortened statutory period for reply was set for one month.

Election of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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ELECTION WITHOUT TRAVERSE

The Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121 as follows:

Group I: Claims 1-4 and 8-9, drawn to a process for preparing a fluorine-containing copolymer, which is an emulsion polymerization method conducted in the presence of a pH modifier wherein the pH modifier is aqueous ammonia; and

Group II: Claims 5-7 and 10-16, drawn to a fluorine-containing copolymer obtainable by a process of Group I and having a metal element concentration of not more than 1 ppm.

Applicants hereby elect for further prosecution the invention of Group I including claims 1-4 and 8-9.

Applicants reserve their right to file at a later time a divisional application directed to the non-elected claims. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.48(b), there is no change in inventorship as a result of this election.